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1. THERE FOLLOWS BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON THE FOUR NEW MINISTERS NAMED BY SUAREZ TO THE CABINET FEBRUARY 24 (SEPTEL).

A. AGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ S A H A G U N, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY. SAHAGUN WAS BORN ON 27 APRIL 1932 IN AVILA, SPAIN. IN 1954 HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VALLADOLID AND A MASTER'S IN ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO. IN THE SAME YEAR HE STUDIED ON A FELLOWSHIP IN TURIN AND LATER WAS AWARDED A DEGREE IN POLITICS AND ECONOMICS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CANNES IN FRANCE.

IN 1956 HE BEGAN HIS BUSINESS CAREER WITH ECHEVARRIA, S.A. AS AN ECONOMIST AND WAS PROMOTED TO FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF THIS FIRM IN 1959. IN 1963 HE WAS NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL OF PROMOTION FOR THE BANK OF BILBAO. HE HAS FOUNDED A NUMBER OF COMPANIES INCLUDING EDICIONES DEUSTO, S.A., THE LATINO-AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANY, PROCEX INTERNATIONAL, AND IBERFRIO, S.A. HE  
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ALSO ORGANIZED AND WAS AN INSTRUCTOR IN SOME SPECIAL POSTGRADUATE COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO ON MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

SAHAGUN HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN POLITICS UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE BEGAN TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS. HE BECAME VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH

CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS (CEOE) AND, IN DECEMBER 1977, PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH CONFEDERATION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRENEURS (CEPYME). HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

SAHAGUN MARRIED ROSA MARTINEZ GUIASOLA IN BILBAO IN 1957 AND THE COUPLE HAS SIX CHILDREN. RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN IS A MAN OF GREAT ENERGY WHO HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE THE PAST YEAR IN ORGANIZING THE EMPLOYERS. POLITICALLY SPEAKING, RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN CAN PROBABLY BE CLASSIFIED AS A LIBERAL-MINDED CONSERVATIVE. HE HAS SHARED THE BELIEF OF THE TOP CEOE LEADERSHIP THAT THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT SHOULD "STOP FLIRTING WITH LEFT-CENTER PRINCIPLES" AND COME OUT CLEARLY AS A CENTER/CENTER-RIGHT PARTY IN THE MOLD OF TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE PARTIES. HE HAS BEEN AN EMPLOYER SPOKESMAN IN NUMEROUS GOVT-LABOR-EMPLOYER TRIPARTITE MEETINGS, AND IS WELL-REGARDED BY THE SOCIALIST UGT TRADE UNION. RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN IS FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. AND HE HAS BEEN A GOOD CONTACT OF THE EMBASSY.

B. SALVADOR SANCHEZ-TERAN, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION. SANCHEZ-TERAN WAS BORN ON 19 APRIL 1934 IN LOGRONO, SPAIN. IN 1958 HE WAS AWARDED A DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE WAS NAMED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION  
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'INDEPENDENT YOUTH FOR CATHOLIC ACTION' AND THEN, IN 1960, WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION. IN 1963 HE BEGAN WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS AND THE SAME YEAR WAS NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PLANNING SERVICE OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. IN 1970 HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RENFE, SPAIN'S NATIONAL RAILROAD, AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL HE RETURNED TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS IN 1973 AS A SUB-SECRETARY. IN JANUARY 1976 HE WAS APPOINTED CIVIL GOVERNOR OF BARCELONA BUT RESIGNED IN APRIL 1977 TO RUN FOR CONGRESS AS A UCD CANDIDATE FROM SALAMANCA. HE WAS ELECTED. AS A "PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER" HE CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENERALITAT WITH JOSEP TARADELLAS AND RECENTLY HIS NAME HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UCD.

HE IS MARRIED TO PILAR SANCHEZ-ARJONA AND HAS SIX CHILDREN. SANCHEZ-TERAN HAS SOUGHT OUT CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM HE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING, OPEN, AND INTERESTED IN OUR IDEAS. HE HAS A GIFT FOR DIALOGUE.

C. JAIME L A M O DE ESPINOSA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

LAMO WAS BORN IN MADRID ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 08 DEC 2014]. HE HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN AGRICULTURE AND A MASTER'S IN ECONOMICS.

IN 1972 HE WON, THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, A PROFESSORSHIP AT THE HIGHER TECHNICAL SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE IN VALENCIA TO TEACH FARM ECONOMICS AND POLICIES. HE HAS BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS AN INSTRUCTOR IN FARM ECONOMICS AT THE CENTER FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES.

HE HAS ALSO HELD THE FOLLOWING POSTS: PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT WITH THE LAND CONSOLIDATION AND RURAL PLANNING SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; CHIEF OF THE STAFF ASSISTANTS' OFFICE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE FARM COMMODITY AND PRICE STABILIZATION AGENCY (FORPPA);  
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1972); CHIEF OF THE STAFF ASSISTANTS' OFFICE TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE; DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOOD PROCESSING AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (1974); AND UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE (JULY 1976). FROM JULY 1977 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER LAMO SERVED AS ASSISTANT TO THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABRIL MARTORELL.

LAMO IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH.

D. RAFAEL C A L V O ORTEGA, MINISTER OF LABOR. CALVO ORTEGA WAS BORN ON 26 AUGUST 1933 IN EL ESPINAR, SPAIN. HE EARNED A MASTER'S OF LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA, GRADUATING FIRST IN HIS CLASS, AND LATER EARNED A DOCTORATE. AFTER STUDYING IN SEVERAL ITALIAN AND FRENCH UNIVERSITIES, CALVO ORTEGA WAS NAMED TO THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA TO TEACH POLITICAL ECONOMY AND PUBLIC FINANCE. IN 1976, HE WAS NAMED CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OF THE NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, AN INSTITUTION WHICH PROVIDES EDUCATION THROUGH RADIO, TELEVISION, AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES. HE HAS WRITTEN FOR SEVERAL MAGAZINES ON THE SUBJECTS OF LAW AND ECONOMICS. IN SPAIN'S FIRST PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, CALVO ORTEGA WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE FROM

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SEGOVIA AS AN INDEPENDENT WITHIN THE UCD COALITION. HE HAS SERVED AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE UCD IN THE SENATE DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT SUAREZ. HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UCD PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER. STABLER

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